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Abstract: A new approach towards controlling an arc welding seam tracking system based on process-oriented data is presented; an artificial neural network is the central controlling element. Special features of neural networks, such as trainability, abstraction capability and fault-tolerance give this controlling system significant advantages. The adaptation of the system to new welding tasks has been simplified substantially in comparison with conventional approaches: analysing the new process parameters and programming the system are replaced by producing reference data from the new welding process and subsequent automatic learning of an artificial neural network. Results on the basis of a quality function are presented. (13 Refs.)

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Abstract: Artificial neural networks were evaluated for monitoring and control of the variable polarity plasma arc welding (VPPAW) process. Three areas of welding application were investigated: weld process modeling, weld process control, and weld bead profile analysis for quality control. Experiments and analysis confirm that artificial neural networks are powerful tools for analysis, modeling, and control applications. They are particularly attractive in view of their capabilities to process nonlinear and noisy data, learn from actual welding data, and execute at relatively high speed. It is shown that neural networks are capable of modeling parameters of the VPPAW process to on the order of 10% accuracy or better. The same was observed when neural networks were used to select welding equipment parameters and the resulting bead geometries were estimated. These performance figures suggest that a VPPA welding control system can be implemented based on neural network models and control mechanisms. (12 Refs.)

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Thesaurus: Arc welding; Computerised monitoring; Learning [artificial intelligence]; Neural nets; Process computer control; Quality control

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